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Invention: PRODUCTION METHOD FOR PROCESSED SOYBEAN FOOD PRODUCTS AND APPARATUS FOR THERMAL DEAERATION OF SOYBEAN SLURRY

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action dated February 13, 2006, which acted on the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on January 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Additions to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.